

## **USU physician honored by national association**

Navy Cmdr. (Dr.) Carlos Williams, Director of Education and Civil-Military Medicine at the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine (CDHAM), received the President's award from the National Medical Association, the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and patients in the United States and abroad.

Cmdr. Williams was recognized for his outstanding work as chair of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Medical Stability Operations Working Group's Education and Training Committee. Dr. Williams led the effort that established the DOD's Minority Global Health Education and Training Consortium. This initiative brings together the NMA, the American Medical Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association. It seeks to pair U.S.-based institutions with public health programs in Africa, Asia and South America.

He is currently working in coordination with numerous United Nations agencies and other U.S. government departments and international and national non-governmental organizations to improve partner nations disaster response capabilities. Cmdr. Williams has conducted sustained engagements in several African nations, focusing on crisis response and disease surveillance.

In his letter to Cmdr. Williams, Dr. Leonard Weaver, President of the NMA, stated, "You have achieved the highest standards of humanitarianism through your exemplary work." He went on to say, "Through your work with the Federal Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine you have improved the lives of millions around the globe."

Cmdr. Williams brings a breadth of experience to CDHAM and USU. He is clinically trained in both pediatrics and internal medicine, and besides his medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine, he holds Masters degrees in both Public Health and Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University.